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Ms. Elizabeth M. Harman, Assistant Administrator
DHS/FEMA/Grants Program Preparedness
Tech World Building, 9th Floor South Tower
800 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20472-3620

RE: City of Massillon, Ohio, SAFER Grant Application

Dear Ms. Harman:

As the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency considers applications for the Staffing for Adequate and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant program, I would like to bring to your attention a request submitted by the City of Massillon's Fire Department.

Adequate staffing levels are crucial for the protection of the more than 32,000 residents of the City of Massillon, Ohio. Unfortunately, lack of funding has forced the city to lay off 10 firefighters. The Massillon Fire Department's proposal seeks funding to hire six new firefighters.

Please give serious consideration to the fire department's application for funding. I ask that you keep my office informed on the status of this application.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Sherrod Brown
United States Senator

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